

A Message from Marina

February 2019

Dear Neighbor,

At the end of last year my family grew as we welcomed our baby daughter Zoe into the world! We are celebrating our growing love and wish you and your family all the best.

Check out the new county free days and see what I've been up to (besides caring for a precious newborn baby).

We are working on a Fair Deal for Milwaukee County from Madison, celebrated Black History Month, and my menstrual equity pilot project has started.

I was honored to be named the "Best Milwaukee County Supervisor" again by readers of the *Shepherd Express*. Don't forget to vote the Spring Primary this Tuesday, and we will surely see you out in the neighborhood soon as it finally warms up.

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SAVE THE DATE

Feb 16: Winter Blast—South Shore Park Pavilion, noon-5pm

Feb 19: Election Day! Polls are open 7am-8pm

Feb 23: Urban Candlelight Hike in Three Bridges Park

March 2: Milwaukee County Zoo Free Day

March 6: Charles Allis Art Museum, Villa Terrace Free Day

March 7: Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee Art Museum, Mitchell Park Domes Free Day



Marina In the Community

Dimitrijevic voted "Best Milwaukee County Supervisor"

Readers of the *Shepherd Express* have named Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic "Best Milwaukee County Supervisor" of 2018 in the newspaper's annual "Best of Milwaukee" poll.

"Thank you, *Shepherd Express* readers for your vote of confidence. I'm honored and humbled to have the support of people from all across Milwaukee County. I will continue to work hard to ensure that Milwaukee County is a place where everyone has the strongest opportunity to succeed and where all of our families can thrive together," said Dimitrijevic.

The *Shepherd Express* highlighted Dimitrijevic's progressive record as a likely factor in the support their readers showed for her:

"Marina Dimitrijevic has been a positive force on the county board for being unabashedly progressive as well as unafraid to challenge the powers that be in Milwaukee County government. Representing the Fourth District, centered on Bay View, since 2004, Dimitrijevic has balanced neighborhood issues with concerns affecting everyone." (David Lührssen)

Readers of the *Shepherd Express* have voted Supervisor Dimitrijevic "Best Milwaukee County Supervisor" 14 times since she was first elected to the County Board in 2004.



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Board Calls for Fair Deal to Avert Funding Crisis

On February 7, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously (18-0) to endorse an outline of potential solutions to avert a funding crisis facing Milwaukee County.

"Milwaukee County is facing a serious funding crisis. We need a new partnership with state leaders on solutions that are good for the county and the state. We all have a shared interest in solving this problem," said County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.

Supervisors adopted a resolution from the Fair Deal for Milwaukee County Workgroup that outlines several areas for possible action by the State Legislature. The workgroup studied the impact of a rapidly growing imbalance between necessary expenditures and the ability to generate sufficient revenue. The recommendations include:

- **Allowing Milwaukee County local control to generate new revenue and reduce the current reliance on property taxes through a binding referendum process;**
- **Increased, fair contributions from the state toward the provision of current and any new state-mandated services;**
- **Fully reimbursing the County for the cost of patrolling state highways (Milwaukee County is the only Wisconsin county required by state law to patrol state highways);**
- **Equally sharing Circuit Court and Register of Deeds fees collected by the County (currently 80% goes to the state and 20% remains with the County);**
- **Adjusting state Shared Revenue payments and other state aids to align with any inflationary increases in the cost of adequately providing public programs and services;**
- **Accepting federal dollars to expand BadgerCare statewide, which would reduce the cost of private health insurance borne by the County;**
- **Adequately funding any youth justice facilities located in the County;**
- **Rejecting any reduction in existing funding below amounts received in the 2019 Adopted Budget**



Milwaukee County Updates

County Board Celebrates Black History Month

The Milwaukee County Board held its annual Black History Month program at its February 7 Meeting and Supervisor Dimitrijevic was pleased to celebrate and honor her colleagues. The event was hosted by Supervisors Johnson, Martin, Moore Omokunde, Nicholson, and Taylor. Libation was performed by Supervisor Moore Omokunde, and the Black National Anthem was sung by the talented Tiffany Terry.



Menstrual Equity Hits Courthouse Bathrooms

“Menstrual equity is gender equity and I hope this becomes a model for unlicensed and private facility restrooms to follow so that every woman is prepared to succeed each day,” said Dimitrijevic.



In October, Supervisor Dimitrijevic proposed amending the 2019 county budget to address the lack of equity in hygiene products. The Board voted to supply tampons and pads, along with toilet paper, paper towels, and soap, freely in all restrooms in the county's two busiest facilities: the courthouse and the Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center. Free dispensers arrived this month and are now available for the public!





Winter Farmers Market at the Domes

Saturdays through April

The Milwaukee Winter Farmer's Market's mission is to promote local, sustainable agriculture; increase economic opportunities for small family farms and innovative food businesses; provide equitable access to wholesome food; and build a vibrant gathering place for metro Milwaukee residents and visitors. Almost 50 weekly vendors gather on Saturdays from November to April. At market, agricultural vendors offer high quality fruit, vegetables, meat, eggs, poultry and dairy products. Local food vendors also bring a wide variety of freshly baked goods, jams, cider, honey, maple syrup, sauces and soups, as well as delicious global cuisine.





Urban Candlelight Hike in Three Bridges Park

Saturday, February 23

5:30-8:30pm

Free for everyone:

- Two miles of candlelit trails on the Hank Aaron State Trail – this event will take place with or without snow!
- Roaring campfires!
- 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm: Wheel & Sprocket Fat Tire Bike demos. This is your chance to get on a fat tire bike! Wheel & Sprocket will have FREE fat tire bike demos on site to try and test. All ages and abilities are welcome to stop by and check one out. See why fat tire cyclists have more fun all year round!
- Tea tasting at Velobahn
- 8-10:30 pm: After Party hosted by NEWaukee at Third Space Brewing!

This event is not possible without the help of volunteers. Be part of this winter adventure experience by signing up to volunteer! All volunteers will receive a Fun Pass. [Register Here](#)





The Bay View Neighborhood Association presents:

WINTER BLAST



Saturday, February 16, 2019

South Shore Park Pavilion | **12:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Music - Arts & Crafts - Games - Yarn Crafts - Origami



Delicious food for sale from Gouda Girls!

12:00 p.m. | Board Game Exchange starts
Bring-a-game. Take-a-game.

12:30 p.m. | Pint 'n Paint Class

Includes drink, canvas & step-by-step instruction.
\$20.00/person - Register at bayviewneighborhood.org

1:00 p.m. | The Honolulu Millionaires



Consider bringing **non-perishable food donations** (benefitting the Bay View Community Center).

